XII. *A Copy of a Letter from the Reverend Mr.* Richmond, *to* ——— Leigh, *Eſq; of* Adlington *in the County of* Cheſter, *concerning a* moving Moſs *in the Neighbourhood of* Church-Town *in* Lancaſhire: *Communicated by* Edward Milward, *M. D. F. R. S.*

Dear Sir,

Read Feb. 28. 1744-5. AS you will probably hear, that this Neighbourhood is greatly alarmed with what they call a Miracle, it may not be unacceptable if I give you the Hiſtory of it.

On *Saturday* the 26th of *Jan.* 1744-5, a Part of *Pilling Moſs*, lying between *Heſcomb* Houſes and an Eſtate of Mr. *Buttler's*, called *Wild Bear*, was obſerved to riſe to a ſurpriſing Height: After a ſhort Time it ſunk as much below the Level, and moved ſlowly towards the South Side: In half an Hour's time it cover'd 20 Acres of Land. The improved Land adjoining that Part of the *Moſs* which moves is a concave Circle containing near 100 Acres, which is well nigh fill'd up with Moſs and Water. In ſome Parts it is thought to be five Yards deep. A Family is driven out of their dwelling Houſe, which is quite ſurrounded, and the Fabric tumbling down. Mr. *Buttler*, *Whitehead*, and *Stephen White*, are the firſt Sufferers by this uncommon Accident. An intenſe Froſt retards the Regreſs of the *Moſs* To day; but I fear it will yet ſpoil a great deal of Land. The Part of the *Moſs* which is ſunk like the Bed of a River, runs

runs North and South; is above a Mile in Length, and near half a Mile in Breadth; ſo that I apprehend there will be a continual Current to the South. A Man was going over the *Moſs* when it began to move: As he was going Eaſtward, he perceiv'd, to his great Aſtoniſhment, that the Ground under his Feet moved Southward. He turn'd back ſpeedily, and had the good Fortune to eſcape being ſwallowed up. I have been at the *Moſs* to make Obſervations every Day this Week: If any thing happens worth your Knowlege, you may depend upon hearing further from,

SIR,

Your very affectionate

Humble Servant,

L. Richmond.

XIII. *A brief Inquiry, by* John Ward, *F.R.S. & Rhet. Prof.* Greſh. *into the Reading of two Dates in* Arabian *Figures, cut upon Stones which were found in* Ireland; *communicated to the* Royal Society, *on* November 10. 1743. *and* December 6. 1744.

Read Feb. 28. 1744-5. TWO Dates in *Arabian* Figures, tranſmitted from *Ireland*, were ſome time ſince laid before this Learned Society. But as the